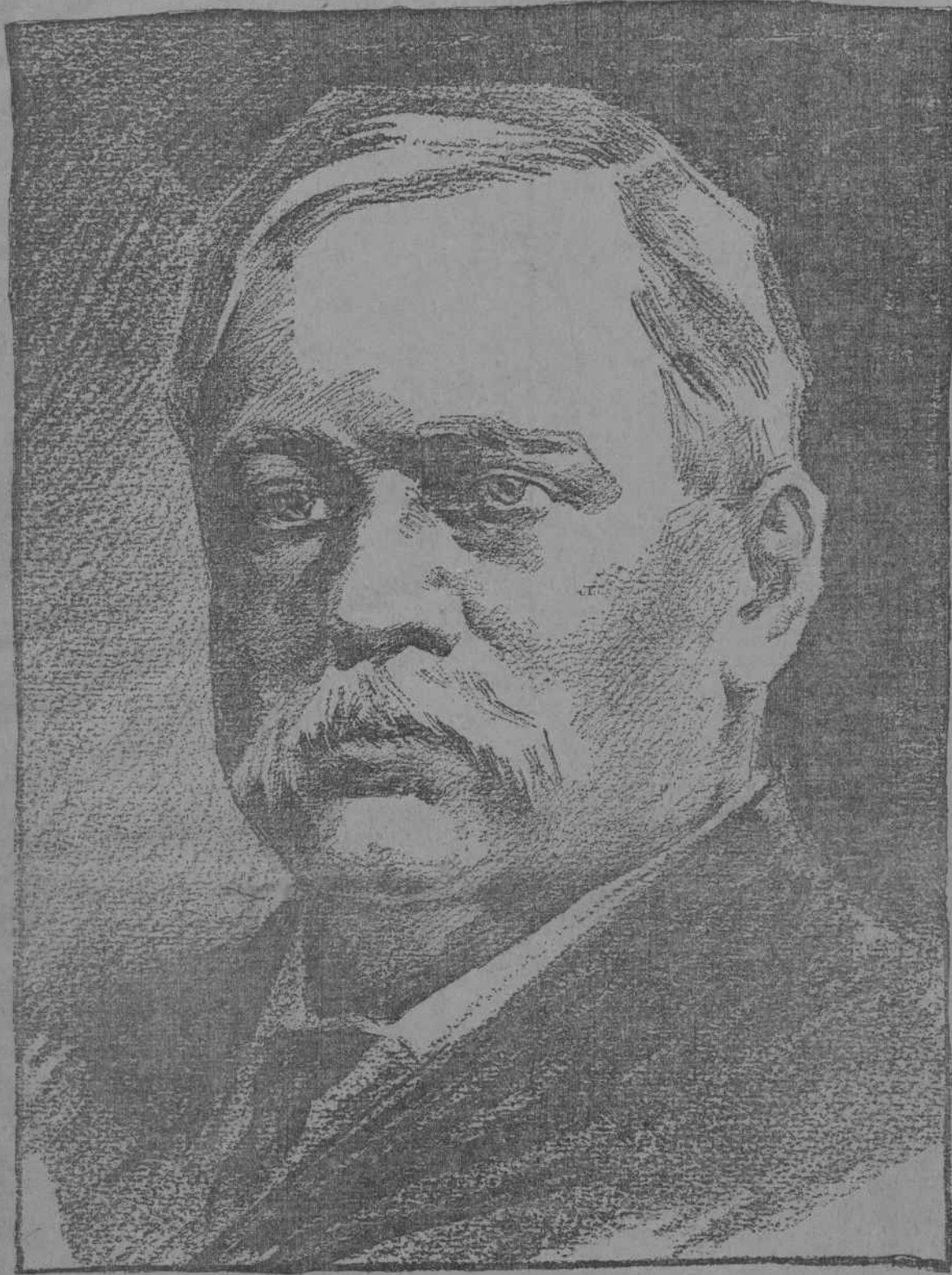


THESE DANGERS THREATEN THE DEMOCRACY IF AN UNFIT MAN IS NAMED.

LAST NIGHT'S SLATE: MAYOR, R. A. VAN WYCK; COMPTROLLER, B. S. COLER; PRES. MUN. ASSEM., GEO. B. MCCLELLAN.

REPUBLICANS NOW EXPECT TO MAKE
A COMPROMISE ON EX-MAYOR SCHROEDER.

Every Effort Will Be Made to Combine the Anti-Tammany Forces, and Tracy Stands Ready to Quit at a Moment's Notice—Republicans Say Fusion Will Come and with it a Municipal Victory.



Frederick A. Schroeder the Harmonizing Factor.

To-night is the Democratic convention. On the character of its nominee will depend the hopes of Democratic success, for a peculiar situation confronts him.

The Republicans nominated Tracy with the express understanding that he was to be withdrawn when the time came for a "harmony" candidate. That candidate, they openly declare, has been found in ex-Mayor of Brooklyn Frederick A. Schroeder.

Negotiations will be begun within the next twenty-four hours for the

withdrawal of both General Benjamin F. Tracy and Seth Low from the Mayorality tickets.

According to the programme outlined yesterday by a Republican machine leader it is proposed to deal directly and personally with Mr. Low. Whether or not General Tracy will call upon Mr. Low, or simply write him a letter agreeing to pull out if he will, had not been determined last night.

It was hinted, however, that first an effort might be made to sound Mr. Low through a man like Elihu Root. This gentleman, though a member of

the Citizens' Union Executive Committee, advised against the nomination of Mr. Low until the Republican City Convention had met. Chairman Quigg has had several interviews with Mr. Root, and he is said to have implored him to approach Mr. Low upon the subject of withdrawal. Mr. Root has hesitated thus far, but he is said to have the proposition under consideration.

Mr. Schroeder's strength is unquestioned. His record will interest widely now that he is the man the Republican forces will unite upon.

LOW'S FRIENDS ASKED THAT
ALL BE SACRIFICED FOR HIM.Associates of the Citizens' Union Candidate from Four of the
Five Boroughs, Guarded by Detectives and a Bulldog,
Confer at His Residence Until Midnight.

One of the most important conferences of the municipal campaign took place last night at the home of Seth Low, at No. 30 East Sixty-fourth street.

Sixteen gentlemen were present by invitation from Mr. Low. They were chiefly members of the Citizens' Union and the Brooklyn Committee of Fifty. Four of the five boroughs were represented—Manhattan, Brooklyn, Queens and Richmond—and in addition several gentlemen were there merely in the capacity of close personal friends and advisers of Mr. Low.

The list included James A. Reynolds, John C. Clark, Charles Stewart Smith, J. Kennedy Tod, W. B. Hornblower, Joseph Larocque, of the Citizens' Union; Alexander E. Orr, Henry W. Maxwell, James McKee, Jacob H. Schiff, John K. Croxy, president of the Committee of Fifty of Brooklyn; and Judge Henry W. Howland,

George L. Rives, Charles C. Beaman, ex-Mayor Charles A. Schieren, of Brooklyn; John E. Parsons, and General Wager Swaine.

In front of the door of Mr. Low's home were stationed two private detectives with night sticks and one large, ferocious bulldog, who growled ominously at every comer. The detectives had been instructed in advance. They were furnished with accurate descriptions and a password that would serve to indicate those who were entitled to admission. Every newspaper man or mysterious delegate was denied admission and forced away from the doorway.

The question of candidate to strengthen the ticket was, according to those who attended, the only subject before the gathering. The ticket for Comptroller and for President of the Council, which had been decided upon at the afternoon session of the Executive Committee, was submitted for approval, and the subject of Borough Presidents was discussed at length.

Probably the most important angle before the committee was that "all in

of good government" be they Democrats, Republicans or Independents, should be called upon prior to the election to vote whatever ticket they liked for the other offices, but insert Low's name at the top of their ballots for Mayor. In this way they expect to have every candidate in the race knifed for Low, and to sacrifice the remainder of their ticket for Low.

The conference lasted until nearly midnight. John C. Clark, secretary of the Citizens' Union, came out of the house while the meeting was in progress, and informed the reporters that there would be an extended discussion of the work of the campaign, and that all of the details of the work would be arranged.

"Here will not," he said, with great emphasis, "be anything said regarding Mr. Low's withdrawal. As we have said he is positively in the race to stay. I'll see him in it to the finish. This was not called for the purpose of using the advisability of our candidate's withdrawal. It was called simply

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LOW PREFERRED TO
A TAMMANY TOOLGerman-American Reform
Union Leaders Take a
Decided Stand.

AGAINST A MACHINE MAN.

Threaten to Bolt the Democratic
Party if a "Yellow Dog"
Ticket Is Named.

NO USE FOR THE REPUBLICANS.

The Executive Committee Will Hold a
Meeting Friday or Saturday to
Determine the Course
to Be Pursued.

The German-American Reform Union is wavering between the Democratic candidates and Seth Low. In order to give the Democrats a perfectly fair show to nominate a ticket favorable to their principles they will defer final action until after the nominations are made at this evening's convention.

If the Democrats put up a ticket headed by a broad-minded man, with a clean public record, who has not been too closely affiliated with the Tammany machine, the leaders of the German-American Reform Union are unanimous in their belief that their organization will be only too happy to endorse and support the Democratic nominee. But, should it turn out otherwise, they say, of the three candidates that will then be in the field, Seth Low will be the most acceptable to them, and to him will be given their support.

It is the intention of the Executive Committee of the German's Union to hold a meeting on Friday or Saturday. At this meeting the candidates to receive their support will be selected, and, at a later date, submitted to the members of the organization for their endorsement. It is not the intention of the leaders to use their influence against the Democrats unless they are forced to do so by the convention's nominations. All they ask is that a man who cannot be dubbed a machine tool be placed at the head of the ticket. They have no use whatsoever for the Republicans, and will only support Low as a last resource.

No "Yellow Dog" Ticket.

"If the leaders of Tammany," said Hermann Ridder, manager of the Staats Zeitung, "dare to nominate a yellow-dog ticket they may expect no support from the German-American Reform Union. We will not stand for any machine man, no matter who he may be. Why should we? Our society was organized for the express purpose of doing away with this notorious machine rule. What we want is a good, square man, who will not be owned body and soul by the leaders of Tammany Hall or any other political organization of a like stripe. If we do not get such a man, there is but one course left open to us, and that is to endorse and support Seth Low."

"I do not want to be placed in the light of a man who wants the earth. I am simply voicing the sentiments of the German Democrats of Greater New York. We do not care whether a man is a German or an Irishman, or any other nationality for that matter. We are not making a fight on nationalities."

Under no circumstances can we accept Senator Grady for District Attorney. Our objection must be apparent to all the voters of Greater New York. McClellan is young, a good man, and is not broad enough. Again, he is the candidate of Richard Croker, and that is sufficient to make us antagonistic to him. So much for the "yellow dog" ticket. I may also say that he is a mere tool of the Tammany machine. Mr. Croker, who appears to be running matters, is a bit overconfident. If Sheehan were let alone, I think he would do all in his power to put up a decent ticket."

Amend Threatens a Bolt.

E. B. Amend, the newly elected President of the German-American Reform Union, is of the same opinion as Mr. Ridder. He said:

"The German-American Reform Union cannot give its support or endorse an out and out Tammany machine ticket. Such a course would be as foreign as possible to the aim and objects of our organization. We are not the tool of Tammany or any other party machine. We are anxious for the good government of the Greater New York. If any of the bosses think they can hood-wink or handle us for their own benefit they are sadly mistaken. We are thoroughly independent and we mean to assert our freedom."

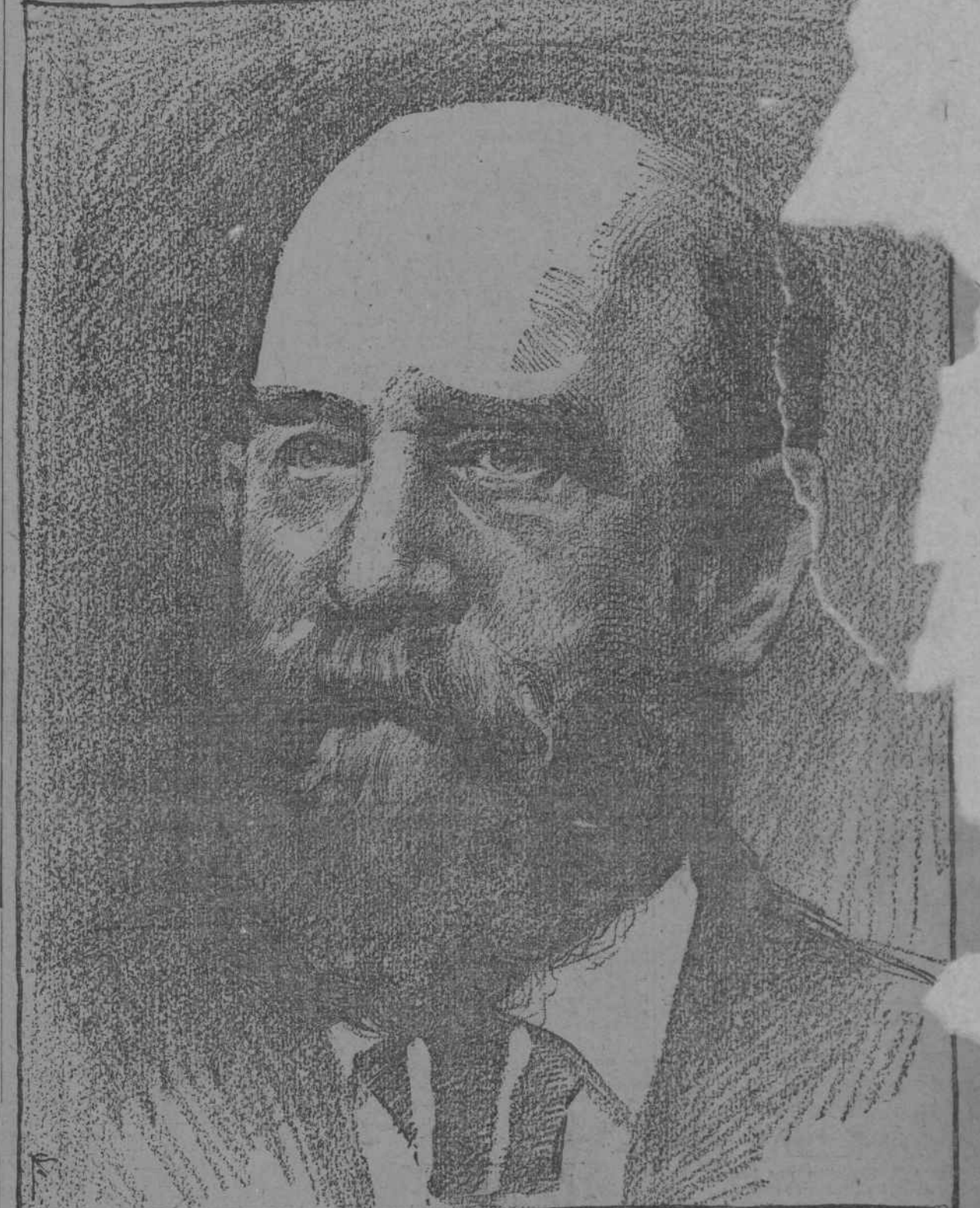
"If Tammany Hall forces through a machine slate we will simply have to repudiate the nominations. In case we are forced to take such action, I will say, and I think in saying I voice the sentiments of the German-American Reform Union and all the right-thinking people of New York, that we will endorse and support the candidacy of Mr. Seth Low."

"This course may seem strange to a great number of people, but if they take time to think they will figure the situation out in the same manner. In case we are not demanded that the nominee of any party must be a German in order to secure their support. What the German-American Reform Union wants and demands is a candidate who is not the mere tool of a political machine. We demand that the man seeking our support be a man of broad mind and principles, and must have a good public record. We also demand that he do all in his power to abolish the infamous Rumsford liquor laws for the simple reason that they interfere with the rights and privileges of a certain portion of this community."

"I again wish to emphasize my opening statement that we are not for or against any candidate on account of his nationality or religious beliefs. What we want is a good, broad minded man with a clean record, and we want him on the Democratic ticket if possible. If we cannot get that, why will we support Seth Low."

HENRY GEORGE WILL ACCEPT IF THE
DEMOCRATIC TICKET IS NOT A GOOD ONE.

For the Journal He Indicates Passages from His Public Writings of Political Nature to Show Exactly Where He Stands—Labor and Independent Democrats Massing to Aid Aim if Necessary.



Henry George Stands Ready to Run.

Henry George declines to be interviewed. He has been nominated for the Mayorality, and is waiting the result of the Democratic convention before accepting or declining the nomination. He authorized the Journal to publish these passages from his public letters which he marked, as showing his principles.

New York, Oct. 18, 1896.
To the Hon. Abram S. Hewitt.

Dear Sir: I have gone over with some surprise the letter which, on Saturday last, you read to the committee that waited upon you to tender you the Mayorality nomination of two of the factions of the New York Democracy. I find in it no references whatever to the crying evils which mark the administra-

tion of our municipal government, nor any word of censure for the corrupt political system which has made Democratic institutions in New York a by-word and reproach.

The men who earn their bread by manual toil are, in this as in every community, the vast majority. Their interests must be the interest of the community at large.

Mr. George's views on the labor question and "True Democracy" are vigorously set forth in his famous letter to the labor associations of New York. He said:

With unsurpassed natural advantages—the gateway of a continental commerce—New York is behind in all else that the city might justly be proud of. In spite of the immense sums constantly expended, her highways, her docks,

her sanitary arrangements are far inferior to those of first-class European cities; and the great mass of her people must live in tenement houses, and human beings are here packed together more closely than anywhere else in the world; and though the immense salaries created by the growth of population might, without imposing any burden upon production, be drawn upon to make New York the most beautiful and healthful of cities, she is dependent upon individual benevolence for such institutions as the Astor Library and the Cooper Institute, and private charity must be called upon for "fresh-air funds." I somewhat lessen the horrible infant mortality of the tenement districts. Such parks as we have are beyond the reach of the great mass of the population who, living in contracted rooms, have no other place than the drinking-saloon for the gratification of their instincts, while hundreds of thousands of children find their only playground in crowded streets.

JUDGE R. R. VAN WYCK FOR MAYOR
HEADS TAMMANY'S SLATE.The Choice for Comptroller Is Bird S. Coler, of Kings, and for President
of the Council George B. McClellan—Changes
May Be Made To-day.

For Mayor—Robert A. Van Wyck, of Manhattan.
For Comptroller—Bird S. Coler, of Kings.

For President of the Municipal Assembly—George B. McClellan.

This is the slate agreed upon at a caucus of Democratic borough leaders held at the Hoffman House last night. It will be submitted to the Executive Committee of Tammany Hall this afternoon.

Leader John C. Sheehan last night declared to Richard Croker that he preferred former Postmaster Charles W. Dayton for Mayor. Mr. Croker announced his preference for George B. McClellan. The friends of Robert A. Van Wyck, however, urged his claim later at the caucus with such

effect that Mr. Van Wyck was finally substituted.

Leader Sheehan's friends advised him last night to reconsider his tentative assent to Judge Van Wyck and present the name of Mr. Dayton to the convention to-day. Mr. Sheehan did not last night agree to this suggestion, but it is believed that he is still considering it.

Judge Van Wyck was at the Hoffman House during the caucus. He came and went quietly, but while he was there was consulted by the Democratic leaders as to his candidacy.

Mr. McClellan's name was placed upon the slate against the wishes of some of the leaders present, who will endeavor to bring about a change to-day.

Mr. Coler was the choice of the Democratic leaders of the borough of Kings and was not opposed.

It was agreed that Almet F. Jenks, of Brooklyn, should be permanent chairman

of the convention.

Yesterday was given up by Mr. Sheehan, Hugh McLaughlin, Bernard J. York and other Democratic leaders mainly to the consideration of candidates for the Mayorality nomination. Minor places on the ticket were conceded to depend on who would be selected as the head. Mr. Sheehan's last word as he went into conference at 15 Hoffman House last night with York, McLaughlin, McCarty, Moffett, Feeney and others was:

"The only reason for delay in the selection of a candidate for Mayor is that the Democratic party wants the best man for the place. The claims of many good men have been seen, and they must all be considered carefully, with due regard to the issues at stake and the character of the candidates who will oppose the Democratic nominee."

Half the district leaders of Tammany Hall had conflicting lists of candidates. Mc-